UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

**OFFICIAL WARNING** 



VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

MA09041

VIOLATOR

Customer # 42828 Certificate # 43-H-0042(c) Brandt Bestol Puppy Ship LLC

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

PO Box 682 Monett, MO 65708

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **July 9, 2009** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

Failure to

2,131 (b)(1) / 3.17 (a)

2.131 (b)(1) Handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. 3.17 (a) During surface transportation (ground and water). Any person subject to the Animal Welfare regulations transporting dogs or cats in commerce must ensure that the operator of the conveyance, or a person accompanying the operator, observes the dogs or cats as often as circumstances allow, but not less than once every 4 hours, to make sure they have sufficient air for normal breathing, that the ambient temperature is within the limits provided in Sec. 3.15(e), and that all applicable standards of this subpart are being complied with. The regulated person must ensure that the operator or person accompanying the operator determines whether any of the dogs or cats are in obvious physical distress and obtains any veterinary care needed for the dogs or cats at the closest available veterinary facility.

(On July 8, 2009 seven of twenty-seven puppies transported in the back of a truck were taken to a veterinary clinic near Webster, MA for either dehydration, hypoglycemic, upper respiratory infections and nasal discharge treatment.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

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